

Plattsmouth Citizens Demand More Recreational Facilities; Say Moral Standards Are Low

Answers to the questionnaires which have been received by the Plattsmouth Recreation Planning Committee indicate a unanimous feeling among Plattsmouth citizens that Plattsmouth definitely needs adequate recreational facilities.

An auditorium and swimming pool head the list of recommendations sent in by interested citizens.

The answers received to some of the questions are particularly revealing. Question number three asked, "What would you advise the Plattsmouth Recreation Planning Committee to do?"

Typical replies say: "Get going." "Go ahead." "Take advantage of federal aid and raise the balance by bonds and taxes." "Go out and select a committee and send them calling on every citizen." "Give more emphasis on wholesome recreation and less emphasis on taverns and gambling dives." "Get the civic organizations behind the program."

Most of those who sent in the questionnaires were of the opinion that two serious objections would be raised to a tax levy which would provide Plattsmouth adequate recreational facilities.

The most heated opinions appeared in the answers to the question, "What is your pet peeve about Plattsmouth?" The following are examples of the high degree of public feeling about conditions in Plattsmouth.

"We have a lack of community spirit and cooperation. Too many factions who seem to possess selfish interest instead of civic pride. Too many influential people whose attitude seems to be: Because we haven't in years past, why should we now?"

"I. Very unprogressive city. 2. City officials seem to be blind to the needs of the community. 3. No community spirit. 4. No determined efforts to better the community and its resources for the benefit of its citizens."

"Not enough public spirit among people. City run down. Let's make good citizenship something to measure up to."

"The city is lacking in every type of building for school and civic activities. It has no parks or recreation grounds of any size. No swimming pool, very poor athletic field, no bleachers, no parking grounds."

"The lack of appreciation of things worth while. The city government, politics and some other organizations are controlled by loans and gambling interests whose main purpose is making money."

Readers Are Honored At Church Dinner

Some thirty-five persons attended the covered dish dinner Sunday at the Presbyterian church honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Reeder and family of Fremont, former Plattsmouth residents.

The dinner was served in the Fellowship rooms of the church following the regular morning service. The affair was sponsored by the choir of which Mrs. Reeder was a director for many years. A social time was had visiting and taking group pictures.

Dr. H. G. McKinley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, presented the readers with a gift on behalf of the choir as a token of esteem and friendship. Mr. and Mrs. Reeder expressed their thanks to the group. Mr. Reeder is now superintendent of the Masonic Boys Home in Fremont.

TWO WEDDINGS SATURDAY

Arlee Harold Williamson and Elyrieta Laura Schmidt, both of Omaha, were married Saturday, October 6, by County Judge Paul E. Fauquet. It was the third marriage for both of them.

Also married Saturday by Judge Fauquet were Abraham George Yauney and Ruth Marion Spencer, both of Omaha.

William Grieb Dies From Gunshot Wound

William K. Grieb, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Binger of Weeping Water, died Sunday in the Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln as a result of gunshot wounds received in a hunting accident Thursday.

Grieb was hunting with a friend in the woods west of Weeping Water between the Arthur Wiles farm and the Olsen quarries. The gun owned by Grieb's companion was fired accidentally wounding Grieb in the abdomen.

Grieb was on the operating table at the hospital for three hours and it was thought Saturday night that he would live.

Thieves Break Into Three Homes

Three homes in Cass county were entered and robbed by housebreakers Saturday night. The thieves broke into the homes of Albert Wortham and Edward Sprick northwest of Murray, and Harry D. Wilson, west of Mynard.

Deputy Sheriff Emory Doody said Monday morning that the same tire marks were found at all three homes indicating the same person or persons were responsible. All of the homes were robbed while the owners were out for the evening.

The following items were listed as stolen: From Wortham's, a Motorola radio, wedding ring and a bracelet; from Sprick's, two 22 rifles, one shotgun, a pocket knife, lady's wedding ring, a child's bank, and several funnybooks; from Wilson's, a flashlight, some silverware, and a small piggy bank containing from five to ten dollars.

The Edward Sprick home was the only one of the three that was locked. The thieves cut through a screen door in order to get inside.

Farm Bureau Unit Meets October 4

Members of the Sunny Side Farm Bureau Unit of Cass County met on October 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Meisinger. There were eight members and six visitors present.

During the business part of the meeting mail order services catalogues were distributed. A reply letter was read as well as a resolution for two bills. Discussion was also held on the condition of the gravel on the State and Louisville Roads. The president then appointed committees for the coming year, after which a luncheon of sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee was served.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the unit on November 1st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Abel.

Capt. and Mrs. Davis To Make Home Here

Captain and Mrs. Stephen Davis have returned from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where the Captain has been stationed at Camp Shelby.

Captain Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Searl Davis, 604 N. Fifth street, is on terminal leave awaiting his discharge from the army. He has been in the army four years and two months, with three years spent overseas.

Captain and Mrs. Davis will establish their home in Plattsmouth in the near future.

Fire Department Called Out

The Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department was called out around 8 a. m. Monday morning to extinguish a blaze at the Tom Linhart residence at 1301 Avenue A. The trouble was caused by a faulty stove pipe but aside from a scorching wall no damage was done.

Community Club Meets October 5

Members of the Mynard Community Club held their regular meeting on October 5. The meeting was originally scheduled for September but had been postponed a week.

The evening started with group singing led by Mrs. George Munn. The regular business meeting was presided over by Royal Smith, president.

Entertainment was arranged by the east side program committee. A trio made up of Mrs. Elma Janz, and Rev. and Mrs. Lee Huebert sang "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Some Folks Do."

The crowd was divided into three groups under Mr. and Mrs. William Nolte, and Glen Wiles. Each of the groups dramatized scenes from nursery rhymes or real life. Pictures were taken of the scenes and developed right away.

The pictures were then projected on a screen. They will be shown again at the next community club meeting and a prize given for the best group.

There was an informal discussion of road conditions in neighboring precincts, followed by a short quiz given by Mrs. Haebert.

Hess Faces Trial As War Criminal

LONDON (AP)—Rudolf Hess, former deputy Führer of the Nazi party who flew to Britain on a fantastic mission in 1941, left by plane for Germany today to stand trial as a war criminal.

Hess, unkempt and thin, left Madeley airfield near Abergavenny, Wales, for Frankfurt, at 8:50 a. m. He was escorted by an army guard, a medical officer, an attendant and an official of the United Nations warcrimes commission.

His departure was one of a swift series of events clearing the way for the mass trials of Axis war criminals at Neurenberg. Allied officers were conferring at Berlin on plans for the trials and the first formal indictments were expected to be returned Tuesday or Wednesday.

Francis Biddle, U. S. member of the war crimes commission, arrived in Berlin by plane Monday for a meeting of the international tribunal preliminary to the Neurenberg trials.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, chief British prosecutor of the war criminals, said at a press conference Sunday that Hess would be indicted in Germany within a few days. Other ranking Nazis named in the first indictment also will be served with notice of their indictments and given opportunities and facilities to choose counsel, Shawcross said.

Francis Biddle, U. S. member of the war crimes commission, and Judge John Parker, his alternate, arrived in Southampton Sunday aboard the Queen Mary. Shawcross said Martin Bormann, Hess' right hand man, also was listed in the preliminary to the first indictment. He said Hitler himself was not listed and the missing Bormann was because there is "little reason to believe that Bormann might be dead."

Richard Means Shot Accidentally Sunday

Richard Means, 14, Plattsmouth, was shot accidentally Sunday afternoon by a neighbor farm boy, Ervin Siemoneit. The accident occurred on the Platte river where both boys were shooting rifles.

The bullet struck Means in the lower jaw, fracturing the jaw and emerging through the neck. He was taken to Doctors Hospital in Omaha.

President Has Big Time at Fair Under Watchful Eyes of Bodyguards

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo. (AP)—President Truman was a thoroughly frustrated man at the fair yesterday. He couldn't throw a single ball at a single bottle and he couldn't eat cotton candy or drink pink lemonade.

The coach dancers were out-of-bounds—far him. So were the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel.

All he could do was sit at the Judge's stand at the race track, chew gum and listen to people cheer him. Because it wasn't their old friend who attended the fair for the 11 preceding years—it was the president of the United States, accompanied by a cortege of bigshots from Washington, secret service agents and a horde of Washington correspondents and photographers.

In former years when he visited this same fair at Jackson county (Kansas City) judge and U. S. senator, Mr. Truman was given a free hand—he could play the corn game, go into the side-shows or knock over a tier of wooden milk bottles and win a fox tail or a blanket.

But this time it was the president of the United States who was guest at the Caruthersville American Legion fair. And the secret service had something to say about his comings and goings.

So they brought the midway to the President.

Right beside the official reviewing stand, where Mr. Truman sat as honored guest, was a 30-foot platform featuring free acts for the grand stand.

The president seemed to get a tremendous kick out of the proceedings. Nearly every ten minutes a midwife, who acted as master of ceremonies, announced that some child had been lost and would the mother please come forward and relieve the congestion. Once the midwife slipped and said a mother had been lost and would some small child come forward. The president liked that.

The climax of a fine afternoon came when Hershel Monroe, who was up on Fort Knox, winner of the \$250 "Truman Derby," mounted the reviewing stand to accept the plaudits of the president.

It was biggest day of the kid's life. Most embarrassing, too. Young Monroe fumbled with his left hand while he shook the most famous hand in the country with his right.

His shirt tail was out.

Women Arrested in Argentine Revolt

BUENOS AIRES, (AP)—Police admitted Monday that 142 women students from 18 to 25 years old were being detained for participating in demonstrations protesting the military government's recent action. The women were being held at San Miguel asylum from which prostitutes were reported freed Saturday in order to make room for the students.

Reports of a clash between the military government and the Argentine capital Monday. Seriousness of the court government under cover struggle was reflected in unofficial reports that authorities were studying the court members on a pension although none of the judges had made such a request.

The court had ordered the release of federal judge Rodolfo Barraco Marmol of Cordova, who last week was confined in the national prison on a charge of having freed suspects in a revolution attempt.

The arrest was unprecedented in Argentine's history.

Americans Find Loot Hoarded by Jap Militarists

TOKYO (AP)—Armed guards of the 1st cavalry division Monday night surrounded the Japanese navy ministry after U. S. officials said hoards of loot from Japan's lost empire might be stored in official government buildings.

A terse announcement said U. S. officials had learned that "precious metals" presumably stolen in Japan's years of military conquest, was in the navy ministry building.

It was reliably reported that more troops may be placed shortly at other Japanese buildings to guard similar hoards. While the amount of the treasure involved was not immediately disclosed, it was assumed General Douglas MacArthur's command had discovered evidence of the storage places in records of Japan's financial institutions ordered seized more than a week ago.

Meanwhile Premier Designate Baron Kiguro Shidehara completed his "stop gap" cabinet of liberals whose average age is sixty-one. Members will take office Tuesday and will serve until next year's elections.

Many political observers took the point of view of the newspaper Asahi which pointed out that the 70-year-old Shidehara and his appointees "belong to the category of old timers." However, it was stressed in other quarters that the cabinet line up was considerably more liberal than the outgoing cabinet of Prince Higashi and was the best possible when restrictions against including government leaders of the past ten years were considered.

Hardly had the names of the new ministers been announced, however, than the organizing committee of the new Japanese socialist party condemned them as "incapable of solving urgent problems."

"The Japanese people have been surprised at the emergence of a stopgap government under Baron Shidehara at a time when the entire nation was looking forward to a popular cabinet capable of carrying out reforms with speed," the committee said.

"The new cabinet is as wanting in fresh spirit as its predecessor. We are compelled to oppose the succession of the transitory government to another."

The cabinet, finally completed after two full days of conferences, included four ministers from the resigned government of Premier Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni and a number of political leaders who had been inactive during the Pacific war.

A spokesman announced that the new ministers would meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow (7 p. m. today, EWT) at the home of Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida and proceed directly to the imperial palace to be invested by Hirohito.

To the cabinet will be entrusted the task of demilitarizing Japan completely and carrying out other drastic directives from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, among them probably one divorcing the state religion Shintoism from all government aid.

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THREE DISCHARGES

Three men reported their discharges from the army to the Cass county selective service board Saturday. The men are: Robert Wurl and Edgar Kief, both of Plattsmouth; and Robert Renne, Weeping Water.

Labor Secretary Is Fighting Lone Battle in Labor Crisis

Strikers Form Barricade Lines At Warner Bros.

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Declaring "we chose Warner brothers as the battlefield as well as fight it out there," movie strike pickets today re-formed mass "barricade" lines around that studio.

The strikers were out earlier than usual this morning, worked at a mass meeting of 3000 and held that "studies might try to run in some workers before we get there."

Support from an unexpected quarter had been added to their lines in the announcement by Russell McKnight that "we are advising our people against supporting or participating in acts of violence like those experienced at Warner Bros. Friday."

McKnight, president of the rival late film technicians local 688, ordered support of his union to the conference of studio unions headed by Herbert Sorrell.

The late unions have been providing labor for the studios during the 20-week-old jurisdictional dispute with CIO organizations over 17 set decartures.

Sorrell, who was out of the strike lines part of today as he appeared in a Burbank court with eight others on charges of rioting in the tear gas-and-water hose fight at Warners, said other studios will not be concentrated upon by mass picketing as has been the Warner lot.

To thunderous cheers of the strikers and sympathizers at the mass meeting, McKnight roared that "only reactionary union-busting unions would resort to tactics such as tear gas and high-compression hoses on legally-formed picket lines. Such tactics are an attack on all unions."

Warners' Burbank studio, scene of the strike's first violence when 500 police battled more than 1000 pickets with a score receiving injuries, was a secure receiving yard.

Objeor Wins Medal For Gallant Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—A conscientious objector has won the congressional medal of honor.

The man, Pfc. Desmond T. Doss, Lynchburg, Va., won the medal for outstanding bravery as a member of the medical corps on Okinawa, the war department announced Monday.

The 26-year-old soldier, although he bore no arms, performed so many feats of heroism on Guam, Leyte and Okinawa that his name became a symbol of gallantry throughout the 7th infantry "statue of Liberty" division.

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Fifty Film Workers Hurt in Picket Line

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Fifty film workers were injured Monday as replacement workers stormed through picket lines to go to work at Warner Brothers studios. The strikers were members of an American federation of labor union members. Their picket lines were pierced by members of the rival international association of theatrical and stage employees (IALE). The strike was called 29 weeks ago in a jurisdictional dispute between the unions.

Among those injured in the fighting was Herb Sorrell, president of the conference of studio unions and leader of the strikers.

Police said there were about 900 persons in the picket line and about 400 members of the rival union got through into the studio.

Jap Prince Says Hirohito Thought U. S. Was Warned

TOKYO, (AP)—Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni said today that emperor Hirohito knew in advance of the Japanese plan to attack Pearl Harbor, but had "understood" a formal declaration of war would be transmitted to the United States before the raid began.

Higashi-Kuni, retiring premier and cousin of Hirohito, revealed that the emperor did not sign the imperial rescript formalizing the declaration of war until 11:30 a. m. Dec. 8, 1941 Tokyo time. Eight hours after the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

"Although his majesty had heard from the naval chief of staff of the general outline of the operations, he had not been informed of the details of their execution," Higashi-Kuni said.

"Furthermore, it was his majesty's understanding that in executing operations, the government of the United States would be duly notified prior to armed action."

Higashi-Kuni's version of the emperor's position in connection with the Pearl Harbor attack was included in a series of written replies to questions originally submitted to the retiring premier at a press conference several weeks ago.

In sending the replies to Eric C. M. Le Grande, Diller, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's press relations officer, Higashi-Kuni expressed deep regret that he was unable to meet newsmen again last week as planned "owing to the extreme pressure of state duties."

The replies were received at a time when wide debate was going on both among newsmen and among allied authorities at (Turn to Page 4, Number 4)

Men in Pacific to Come Home Soon

MANILA, (AP)—All American army enlisted men in the west Pacific command with 90 discharge points or more, or who are over thirty-eight years of age, were ordered Monday to report to assembly centers within 48 hours for shipment home.

Lt. Gen. W. Styer head of the western Pacific command, said most of the emn in these two classes already are on the way to the U. S., but that the new order will "cool" them out."

Styer said only certain medical, language and communication specialists were being retained among the high-point and average men.

American Flag Flies Over Mt. Fujiyama

TOKYO, (AP)—The American flag was raised atop Japan's 12,365-ft. Mt. Fujiyama Sept. 21 by combat veterans of the 27th infantry division, it was disclosed Monday.

Sixteen soldiers climbed through rain, fog and wind and snow to plant the flag on the mountain's peak. They were led by Capt. Raymond E. Agee, of Chouteau, Mont.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach was staging virtually a one-man battle today to steer the country through the worst labor crisis since 1941.

With other federal labor agencies occupied with troubles of their own, Schwellenbach was pressing almost single-handedly for settlement of the spreading coal strike, clarification of the administration's wage price policy and disposition of other disruptive threatening orderly reconstruction.

His job was complicated by two important factors. One was the refusal of the war labor board to handle disputed wage cases unless the parties agree in advance to abide by its decisions. The second was the fact that the national labor relations board may have to put aside most of its other work to conduct more than 300 strike votes in the next 30 days.

Schwellenbach arranged to meet again today with soft coal producers and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers for further exploration of the issue which has made 160,000 miners idle and forced emergency controls over coal shipments. With some steel mills already forced to curtail operation, the coal strike is regarded as the greatest single danger to a quick return to a high level production of civilian goods.

Lewis is demanding UMW recognition for 28,500 to 50,000 supervisory employees.

The operators, like the oil companies last week, have urged Schwellenbach to follow the WLB's wartime policy by insisting that strikers return to their jobs "before discussing the merits of a dispute. The secretary disregarded the oil companies' request (Turn to Page 4, Number 2)

Japanese General Pleads Innocent At Military Trial

MANILA, (AP)—Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, last Japanese commander in the Philippines, pleaded innocent before an American military tribunal today to charges of responsibility for the rape of Manila and other brutal atrocities.

The trial was adjourned until Oct. 29 at 8 a. m. after Yamashita's brief arraignment.

The Yamashita who decisively uttered his plea in the military court was a far cry from the general who boasted last October that he would dictate Philippines peace terms to Gen. Douglas MacArthur and who won the nickname "Tiger of Malaya" for his conquest of Singapore.

He wore a sort of hanging expression as he was led into the courtroom in the former ballroom of the American high commissioner's palace. He remained silent as photographers ordered him around for different poses.

Yamashita was dressed in a Japanese army uniform with a white shirt whose collar overlapped the lapels of the olive-drab jacket. Four rows of decorations were over his left breast. He wore shiny brown cavalry boots.

With him was his personal interpreter, Masakatsu Hamamoto, who was graduated from Harvard in 1927. They were escorted by a detail from the 742nd military police battalion commanded by Maj. Aubrey S. Kenworthy.

Yamashita was charged principally with responsibility for crimes committed by Japanese forces under his command in the Philippines from Oct. 3, 1944—11 days before the American invasion of the Archipelago—until the end of the war.

The indictment said he permitted (Turn to Page 2, Number 3)

WEATHER

Nebraska Forecast: Fair Monday and Monday night; cooler Monday; high Monday near 50; slightly cooler Monday night with freezing temperatures or heavy frost most of state; low Monday night in 20's extreme north, 30 to 35 southeast; Tuesday, increasing cloudiness somewhat warmer except little change in temperature extreme southeast.



DUKE VISITS QUEEN MOTHER—The Duke of Windsor poses with the Queen Mother at Marlborough House during the Duke's visit to his native land, the first in almost five years. (NEA Radiophoto)